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At a recent meeting of the Federal Council's Executive Committee, left to right—Bishop Herbert Welch, of the Methodist Church; Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and President of the Federal Council of Churches; Bishop W. Y. Chen, of the Chungking Area of the Methodist Church and General Secretary of the National Christian Council of China, and Rev. William Cecil Northcott, Secretary of the London Missionary Society.

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Cleveland, Ohio May 22-25, 1944

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Atlantic City, N. J. May 23, 1944

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI,
OHIO, AND OTHER STATES
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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

The Highest Distinction

"MY BRETHREN, I would warn you against this wretched, mischievous spirit of party. . . . A Christian! A Christian! let that be your highest distinction; let that be the name which you labour to deserve. God forbid that my ministry should be the occasion of diverting your attention to anything else. But I am happy that I can appeal to yourselves, whether it has not been the great object of my zeal to inculcate upon you the grand essentials of our holy religion, and to make you sincere practical Christians. Alas! my dear people, unless I succeed in this, I labour to very little purpose, though I should presbyterianize the whole colony."

SAMUEL DAVIES,
*of Virginia and New Jersey,
died 1762*

Inner Attitude and Outer Organization

There are two contrasted points of view about the importance of organization in any area of life. One says, "There is too much emphasis on machinery. Life is becoming as organized and impersonal as a Ford factory. The only thing that matters is personal relationships." The other point of view says, "It is naive to assume that the world can be remade just by concentrating on individual attitudes. The individual is what he is only because of the social environment. We must have a reorganization of society."

Each party to the argument has an important element of truth but neither one is wholly right.

Personal relationships are primary—there can be no doubt of that. But personal relationships are not "individual" merely; they express themselves in some kind of social organization. The essential thing about a husband, a wife and a child is their personal relationships. But in the outworking of their relationships they form a home—and a home is a form of organization. The basic aspect of a teacher and pupils is personal, but the personal relationship results in a school—and a school is a form of organization. The fundamental thing about Christians is their personal relationship with God, and with each other through their relation to God, but they need to express it in outward form. Hence the organization of the Church.

Any organization, in and of itself, is only of secondary importance. Its significance is found in the extent to which it expresses and nourishes the right kind of personal relationships. A council of churches, for example, should be judged by this test. At first it may seem to be "just another organization"—when there are already too many organizations. But if Christians of different denominations really have a common source of their life as Christians in Jesus Christ, there must be some way by which this fundamental relationship is manifested and fostered and made effective in the world.

The same fundamental truth about the inner

spirit and the outer organization is relevant also to the much discussed question of the regeneration of the individual vs. the reformation of society. The truth is that they are not separable. As Bishop Henry St. George Tucker said on the occasion in 1939 when he preached in the Hyde Park (N. Y.) Church with the King and Queen of England in his audience:

"Our Lord prefaced His announcement that the new Kingdom was at hand by an exhortation to repentance. No one, He says, can even enter the Kingdom unless he be born again. He invites all who are weary and heavy-laden to come unto Him and be refreshed. To those who receive Him, he gives power to become sons of God—which means eligibility for citizenship in God's Kingdom."

But Bishop Tucker went on to make it clear that when the individual's attitudes and motives become right before God, he begins to be concerned for the right kind of social organization:

"In proportion, however, as we become truly sons of God, we find growing within us dissatisfaction with a social order whose form has been largely determined by the principle of human selfishness. We will seek to remold our social environment in accordance with the spirit of the divine love which has become our dominating impulse. . . ."

Income Taxes and Contributions

The statement of the Federal Council on tax policies, appearing elsewhere in these pages, calls attention to a situation which is of concern to all churches and church agencies. We must do our best to safeguard the voluntary contributions to religious, educational and philanthropic institutions, both for the sake of the institutions and the service they render and for the sake of democracy, which needs independent voluntary agencies.

There are three points to which attention should be directed: First, Congress needs to be reminded that, in the tax policy and structure which it adopts, the taxpayer should be encour-

aged to support voluntary agencies. Second, the administrative officers of the Treasury Department need to be urged to devise procedures and forms which will encourage conscientious contributors to voluntary agencies. Third, the taxpayers, especially those unaccustomed to making returns, should be educated concerning their responsibilities and the deductions which are allowed them by law.

In referring to Congress we do not imply a distrust of its purpose. However, Senators and Congressmen are under great pressure to simplify the whole process of reporting and paying taxes. Under such pressure and under the necessity of obtaining huge amounts of money for government expenditures, they may overlook other essential considerations.

The Treasury Department has already demonstrated a lack of concern for voluntary agencies. In the first "short form" (1040A) which it issued as a simplified return blank for taxpayers in the lower income brackets, there was no reference to the allowable deductions (up to 15% of net taxable income) for contributions. Consequently, millions of new taxpayers were not properly informed of the provisions of law. This form was amended in later printings by inserting a brief, inconspicuous reference to the option permitting a claim of deduction on the longer form. National administrative officers of the churches have been in conference with the Treasury officials concerning these problems.

No matter what policy and procedure may be adopted in Washington, there remains the responsibility of educating the taxpayer. Every board of trustees or finance committee of a local church should remind the people in the church of the importance of voluntary contributions and should inform them of the permitted deductions and the process of claiming them. We should not expect the government to do all of this for us. Nor should we complain too much about the slight inconvenience involved for the taxpayer in keeping accounts of contributions and filing a return to obtain the advantage of deductions. Our people should care enough about their free churches to go to a little extra trouble. We believe that most of them do care.

In some quarters it is suggested that the deductions now allowed for contributions should be eliminated from the computing of taxes. This suggestion comes from those who maintain that the government is the only basic community social agency and that the allowed deduction is therefore a government subsidy. This position was defined recently by a government official in one of our recent conferences on this matter in Washington. We maintain, on the contrary, that the allowed deduction is a recognition of the assumption that in the American community pattern the churches, many colleges and numerous welfare agencies should be independent and voluntary and that their support is a priority in the budget of the responsible citizen. That is, in principle, quite remote from government subsidy. In fact it is one of the essentials of sound democracy.

Immediately and for years to come the tax burden will be heavy. Thus, the citizen will be devoting a large portion of his income involuntarily to the community through government. He will be confused as to the responsibility which he should assume voluntarily on behalf of his church and other independent agencies. Let the churches be alert to a new task.

Plans for Returning Service Men and Defense Workers

In the Twentieth Century Fund's directory *Postwar Planning in the United States* there are listed 162 separate organizations now engaged in some sort of planning for that period variously designated as "postwar," "post-hostilities," or "transition." This directory gives emphasis to at least two significant facts: (1) a widespread recognition that if we are to have a world after this present holocaust that will be an improvement over that which preceded it there must be careful, intelligent and thorough planning for it; (2) a realization that the time for doing that planning is already upon us. Men by the thousands are already being demobilized and returned to civilian communities. Increasing numbers of defense workers are either returning to their homes or are moving to new

communities. Apparently, "demobilization" and "reconversion" are to be continuous processes extending over a long period of time—and have already begun.

One of the great social dangers in connection with this growing and urgent sense of need for planning is a frustrating confusion born of unrelated and uncoordinated planning. In a number of our American communities this danger has been recognized and statesmanlike attempts have been made to avoid it by the establishment of over-all planning committees or councils.

In all this process the churches of our communities have a great stake. They, too, as always, are profoundly concerned about what happens to men and women individually and collectively. Our churches, therefore, through whatever coöperative agency is available in a community—council of churches, federation of churches, ministerial association—need to be on the alert and to see to it that they have a voice on the over-all community planning committee. There is much disturbing evidence which indicates that in many communities the churches are not being included on such committees. It seems that they are not being so much deliberately excluded as simply overlooked. The responsibility for seeing to it that the churches are not overlooked rests with the churches. Moreover, in many communities it may clearly be their responsibility to take the initiative in forming and guiding an over-all Community Planning Committee.

International Exchanges Continue

The participation of Rev. Ronald Allen of Manchester, England, in our National Christian Mission, the current visit to this country of Bishop W. Y. Chen, and of Rev. William Cecil Northcott, and the expected visit of the Archbishop of York symbolize the supra-national character of the Christian Church.

Although the war has interfered with the institutional organization of the World Council of Churches, the ecumenical movement is a very tangible and living reality.

Religion at a Naval Training Station

TWO hundred fifty Bluejackets knelt at altar steps and chancel rail in a service of dedication at the close of the Sampson (N.Y.) U. S. Naval Training Station's Ash Wednesday Observance at Royce Memorial Chapel. In morning and afternoon sessions more than 500 enlisted men and officers had met in seminar discussion on 17 subjects, under the general heading of "Christ for Tomorrow's World."

According to Captain William W. Edel, Ch C, USN, Senior Chaplain of the Training Station, another precedent was set at Sampson, as this was the first time in naval history that so large a group of U.S. Navy men were allowed to set aside their regular duties for an entire day in order to discuss religious topics.

Chief counsellor at the three meetings was Dr. Harold C. Case, of Scranton, Pa., distinguished religious leader well known as speaker to college groups. Dr. Case spoke in closing the seminar on the general topic and summed up the findings of the seventeen groups which met separately throughout the day.

Greetings were extended to the guests and participants at the closing service by Captain Harry A. Badt, USN, Commandant at Sampson. Captain Badt said in part, "Our Navy gives religion a place of primary importance in the training program. That is done because the leaders of this nation realize that no man can properly face the uncertainties and dangers that lie ahead, without the undergirding support of religious convictions. Whatever the creed may be, the aim is one: Faith in God and a life dedicated to the doing of His will. Remember that your influence with your shipmates is indeed great. No man need surrender any of his religious convictions when he dons the uniform of the United States Navy. In fact, then more than ever, he should stand for the right as God leads him to see it."

As the conference of representatives from all units on the Training Station met in all-day sessions, it was divided into 17 groups, each of which went into seminar session under the leadership of selected enlisted men, with Line Officers acting as counsellors for most of the groups. The Station's 15 Protestant Chaplains furnished source material, but took part in the discussions only with such problems as prayer and the Holy Communion. Among the delegates were numbered officers and enlisted men, WAVEs, V-12 students, Negro enlisted men, and representatives of the Army. Reports of the seminars were presented by officers, enlisted men, and WAVEs.

One of the interesting findings of the group was the report urging that the Service Men's Christian League be continued after the war, to take its place as a powerful religious influence.

The seminar on racial problems presented a straight-

forward recommendation for a Christian attitude toward race relations with a realistic application of the Golden Rule, and a more intensive educational program on the subject for the public at large.

Another seminar found in favor of some form of punishment for war criminals, but recommended that the Church should, through education, attempt to influence Allied Nations in applying punishment. The group which discussed profanity and drinking submitted a request for an intensified educational program regarding the danger of those evils in the Navy, and recommended that Christian men set a consistent high standard in these matters by personal example.

A group approved a role for the Christian Church in winning the peace to come by exerting its influence, not through pressure politics but by spiritual and religious teaching and sacrificial example, and finally it stated that in its opinion the duty of the Church after victory is to strive for permanent peace by supporting some form of an international organization backed by strong military force, by lifting living standards throughout the world and establishing an equitable distribution of raw materials for all nations.

At the close of the evening session Chaplain Edel called the members of the conference to a new dedication to Christian service for tomorrow's world, and into the spacious chancel of the Chapel there came 250 worshipers, officers and seamen, men and women, white and black, to kneel and offer their dedication in prayer.

Campus Missions to Continue

Despite the recent curtailment of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) the Christian Commission on Wartime Campus Missions will continue its series of missions on university campuses throughout the country. Plans now call for the holding of from thirty to forty missions during 1944, according to Rev. Robert B. Giffen, Campus Secretary. The dates and places will be announced later.

Two successful missions have already been held—one at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, (Jan. 30-Feb. 1), and one at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, (Feb. 10-13), reported Mr. Giffen.

Organized last November, the Commission is jointly constituted by the Department of Evangelism and the War Emergency Council, which is composed of representatives of denominational educational agencies, the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. working in colleges and universities.

All inquiries concerning the missions should be directed to Robert B. Giffen, 86 Stockton, Princeton, N. J.

Bishop Chen Welcomed to U.S.

BISHOP Chen Wen-yuan of the Chungking Area of the Methodist Church and General Secretary of the National Christian Council of China, was welcomed to this country at an interdenominational mass meeting sponsored by fourteen national and local church bodies and held at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City on March 6.

More than a thousand people gathered to honor Bishop Chen, who will remain in this country for several months, attending church conferences and lecturing on conditions in China.

The address of welcome was made by Henry R. Luce, president of *Time*, Inc., and the son of a former missionary, who said: "Bishop Chen is eminently representative both of China's strength in her present struggle and of her inextinguishable hope for the future. . . . We welcome him as one who shares with us—not by invitation but by right—the challenge to Christianity in the modern world."

Speaking on "The Christian Movement in War-Torn China," Bishop Chen reported a widespread spiritual awakening there. "Faced with disillusionment, uncertainty and frightful scenes of wanton destruction of life and property, the Chinese people are looking for something more fundamental, permanent and imperishable," he declared.

Although there is a revival in Buddhism and Mohammedanism and an attempt to revive Confucianism, the greatest interest taken by the people as a whole has been in Christianity, he asserted.

"The Christian movement is gaining momentum and securing the attention of the public," he said, pointing to the fact that there is a larger force in the Chinese government now than ever before. "Most of the outstanding offices in the government are held by Christians, including the president, the ministers and vice-ministers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of Information and of Finance, the director of the National Military Council, the General Secretariat of the Supreme National Defense."

Commenting on a "trend toward interdenominationalism" now evident among the churches of Free China, Bishop Chen said: "The emphasis is now internationalism and not nationalism; interdependence and not independence, interdenominationalism and not denominationalism."

Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, President of the Federal Council, presided at the meeting, which was opened by a procession of the clergy. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. Kai-chong Yeung, minister of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in New York, and a prayer for Christian fellowship was offered by Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Church.

Swedish Visitors Report on Prisoners

TWO recent European visitors to the United States, bearing messages of exceptional interest to church people, were Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Cedergren of Sweden.

Hugo Cedergren, national Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Sweden, is also Associate Director for the War Prisoners' Aid of the World's Alliance of Y.M.C.A.'s and came to this country direct from a tour of the German camps, where many American prisoners of war are held captive. This is a work in which the Protestant churches of America have a special interest and which they support through their denominational emergency war funds and the interdenominational Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. Closely cooperating with War Prisoners' Aid is the Ecumenical Commission for Chaplaincy Service to Prisoners of War, of the World Council of Churches. Mr. Cedergren brought encouraging reports of the work being carried on, and of the morale of the men in the camps.

"I can honestly say from my own experience that the spirit of the American prisoners is excellent," he said. "They are being treated correctly. Any shortcomings

are due to the scarcity of certain items in Germany, and not through lack of desire of the military authorities there to live up to the terms of the Geneva Convention of 1929." He drew attention, however, to the fact that as months drag into years, the lot of the prisoner of war becomes harder and harder; he will need, increasingly, the sort of spiritual sustenance and mental stimulation which the "Y" and the Chaplaincy Commission are set to give.

"I do not want to give you the impression that being a prisoner of war is pleasant," Mr. Cedergren commented. "It is dull and monotonous. Taken suddenly from activity and excitement, the men are thrust behind barbed wire where they face months or years of dreary idleness. It is not pleasant to be a prisoner, no matter how well one's material needs are met. The main thing is to keep up the men's morale and provide them with such activities as will enable them to make good use of enforced idleness."

Mr. Cedergren also brought good news of the opening of the Philippines to Y.M.C.A. representatives. Workers from neutral countries—probably Sweden—will soon be visiting the prison camps there.

Frau Elsa Bernadotte Cedergren, who is a niece of King Gustav of Sweden, accompanied her husband on his trip to the United States. She was president of the Y.W.C.A. of Sweden for eighteen years, and is now honorary president. She is vice-president of the World's Y.W.C.A., and in this capacity has made three trips across Germany during the war, to the World's Y.W.C.A. headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, visiting women of the United Nations interned in Germany.

She said neutral workers who visit the women's camps come away with lists of simple things which the women want: supplies to start a kindergarten for the children, or yarn and knitting needles to make things for the babies.

One great concern of the Y.W.C.A., she reported, is how to reunite in the postwar period the women of countries which have been enemies. "In their hearts," she said, "many women still feel unity, I am sure, though their outward bonds have been severed."

This work among women refugees and internees, as carried on by the Y.W.C.A., is also one which the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction recommends for the support of the denominations.

While Mr. Cedergren was visiting camps for prisoners

of war in this country, Mrs. Cedergren was fulfilling her commission to visit camps for interned enemy alien women here.

In conversation with American churchmen, Mr. Cedergren stressed the fact that the kind of postwar help given to European churches must be determined not from outside but by the churches themselves, in the area to be helped. As a first step toward this goal, he urged the establishment of contact, through personal representatives from the American churches, with all areas of Europe, as soon as this is feasible.

The supreme test of the churches in this century, he declared, would be the way in which they are able to cooperate with each other in giving the aid necessary for the reestablishment of the work of the churches which have been impoverished or destroyed.

Mr. Cedergren was asked to carry back to European church leaders the assurance that a spirit of disinterested service to the churches which will need assistance in reestablishing their programs was the expressed ideal dominating the postwar plans of the American denominations, as expressed through their coordinating agency for such matters, the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

How Churches Meet Wartime Needs

ONE of the Church's urgent and growing concerns in wartime is for effective channels through which it can follow its men and women entering military service with its influence and ministry. The most important of the channels the Church has discovered for its purpose is, of course, the chaplaincy. In addition, this time by contrast with the period of World War I, the Church at large has discovered that many local churches scattered throughout the country in communities near our numerous military camps, posts, stations and bases constitute an important channel for a corporate religious ministry to service personnel. Through the activities of the Camp Division of the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities some 40 Protestant communions are using this important channel. The financial and personnel resources of these communities are coordinated and made available in some 32 strategic centers. Sometimes these resources are used to organize and give direction to existing resources in the local community; sometimes the national resources are used to supplement those of local communities.

In the city of Boston, for example, this corporate ministry to men and women in the armed forces finds expression through the Temple Place Service Club, which is sponsored by the Boston Area Council of Churches and is housed in the parish house of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul at 26 Temple Place. The director, Rev. Norman D. Goehring, has recently inaugurated a guide service through which volunteers from the churches guide

service men and women to the churches in areas beyond the downtown section, especially in the Back-Bay area, where a large number of famous churches are located.

Only recently have the churches begun to show much practical concern for the women in uniform. Most of their thinking and planning has been in terms of men. Not infrequently church people have given the cold shoulder to the women. Perhaps it is because the service of women in the armed forces is still a very new idea to us Americans. Typical, however, of the growing recognition of the churches' obligation to the women, is the program sponsored by the Service Club of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. The program is a Sunday Fellowship Supper for both men and women in uniform. The supper is served each week in the St. Stephen's parish house, but is provided in turn by a number of different families of the city. The attendance at these programs of fellowship, games and singing has been averaging about two hundred per week.

THE U.S.O. AS A HELPFUL PARTNER OF THE CHURCHES

In many communities churches have found additional opportunity for an informal, but very important, religious ministry through the cooperation of the U.S.O. In its News Bulletin, the Temple Place Service Club of Boston reports the request of the Greater Boston USO Club to establish and staff a church desk in the club to provide information and counseling service for the twelve hundred service men and women who visit the club on week-

ends. This form of coöperation between churches and the U.S.O. is now to be found in practically all sections of the country and is on the increase. At the Sutton Lane U.S.O. near Camp Kilmer, a large attractive sign made by the Engineers' Corps at Camp Kilmer, announces, "Visiting Minister Here This Evening from New Brunswick Council of Churches." The sign has an arrangement at the bottom for inserting the name of the minister on duty. Four evenings a week a minister is on duty at the club for counseling with any of the men from the camp who may desire to talk with a civilian clergyman.

PRAISE FOR UNITED MINISTRY IN DAYTON

In its leading editorial, headed "Religion in Action," the Dayton, Ohio, *Journal Herald* for Sunday, February 27 has the following observation to make:

"Although several social agencies and civic groups have looked this problem (of making Dayton's 60,000 newcomers feel that they 'belong') in the face and taken it into account to some degree in planning their wartime program adjustments, a special word of commendation should go to the Church Federation of Dayton and Montgomery County for its energetic, well-planned and warm-hearted response to the needs in this area during the past year. Following a thorough community diagnosis of wartime emergency needs that churches of all faiths could meet better than any other groups, plans were quickly formulated and carried into action for additions to the federation staff and facilities so that faith in the Golden Rule of neighborliness might be translated into practical works.

"The federation program of wartime community service is now rounding out a year of accomplishments. It has aided the War Housing Center in finding rooms and homes for newcomers who preferred church-related living accommodations. It has operated a hospitality center, with helpful personal counselling, in its downtown headquarters. It has arranged for the use of the social rooms and equipment of various churches by both military and civilian groups unable to meet such needs elsewhere so conveniently. It has coöperated with all the established agencies having expert skills in certain specialized welfare areas.

"As always, the federation has adhered to its policy of being the servant of the individual congregations and the denominations which constitute its membership, and thus has sought to aid newcomers in establishing satisfactory relationships with the churches of their preference. In so doing it has made, perhaps, the most basic contribution to the cordial adjustment of newcomers to old-timers."

PROGRESS IN DETROIT

In a most comprehensive outline of the work of the War Emergency Commission of the Detroit Council of Churches called "Report of Progress," Rev. Ellsworth

M. Smith, as Director-Secretary, highlights the following, in his own words:

"To a city already tense with housing, racial and economic issues, the crowding in of a half-million new people has created a fair-sized emergency. It is as though the city of Cincinnati had moved to Detroit and left its churches and ministers home.

"Set up to deal with the needs of service men and immigrant workers in the area, the War Emergency Commission has added the new task of aiding in the resettlement of young Americans of Japanese descent, and has added Rev. Shigeo Tanabe to the staff for the purpose of directing this work. Mr. Tanabe, an American citizen of Japanese descent and an ordained Methodist clergyman, has spent fifteen months in the Tule Lake Relocation Camp.

"Ten thousand New Testaments and Protestant Kits have been given to Detroit and lower Michigan selectees at the time they entrain at Detroit for basic training. Each Kit contains a Spiritual Almanac for Service Men.

"Six churches are now operating Saturday (some Friday as well) dormitories or hostels for service people. The weekly average for one church runs about 230; three churches have provided free and comfortable sleeping accommodations to 15,000, 16,000 and the third a larger number. Sunday morning breakfasts are given in many churches; in most lounge facilities are provided. USO furnishes beds and linens, Junior Chamber of Commerce two men to each hostel to supervise. The churches do the work, extend personal touches as well as contribute space."

Church Conference of Social Work

Juvenile delinquency, race tensions and the war-time disruption of family life are among the most vital issues facing the Church today in the field of social work. How best to meet these and other social problems will be considered by church leaders from this country and Canada at the fifteenth annual Church Conference of Social Work, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, May 22-25.

The Church Conference is organized under the Department of Social Service of the Federal Council, and is an Associate Group of the National Conference of Social Work. The President of the Conference is Dr. J. R. Mutchmor of the Commission on Evangelism and Social Relations of the United Church of Canada.

Meeting with the Church Conference at Cleveland will be the Association of Church Social Workers.

On the first day of the conference a joint session will be held with the Home Missions Council of North America on "The Church and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency." Other topics to be discussed during the four-day sessions are Techniques for Lessening Race and Class Hatreds, The Church and Democracy at Home,

New Developments in the Field of Social Work, Coördination of Protestant Social Work, A Program for Family Life in Wartime, and Family Life After Wartime Separation.

The Church Conference is open to all who have a special concern for church social service, social action or social relationships. Further information about the conference program or membership may be obtained from Dr. L. Foster Wood, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Council Warns of Dangers in New Tax Policies

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council adopted the following statement on March 21, 1944:

We share the current desire for simplification of the procedures of making individual income tax returns. However, we are gravely disturbed over the implications of certain extreme proposals which would seriously jeopardize the essential and traditional American pattern of community life.

Throughout our history it has been assumed that many basic community services are to be provided by private religious, educational and charitable agencies supported by voluntary contributions of citizens. In a democratic society churches, colleges and many community welfare societies are appropriately independent of both government subsidy and government control. In recognition of this American pattern, our government has had a tax policy which has exempted from taxation that portion of the individual's income (up to 15% of the net taxable income) which he contributed to such private and voluntary community agencies. Any change in tax policy or procedure which would diminish the individual citizen's sense of responsibility to support these agencies would threaten a basic American tradition.

We urge Congress and the administrative offices of our government to maintain a tax structure and procedure which will continue to encourage the individual to support the churches and other voluntary community agencies.

Council Issues Statement on Religious Liberty

The following statement, submitted by the Joint Committee on Religious Liberty, was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council on March 21, 1944:

We recognize the dignity of the human person as the image of God. We therefore urge that the civic rights which derive from that dignity be set forth in the agreements into which our country may enter looking toward the promotion of world order, and be vindicated in treaty arrangements and in the functions and responsibilities

assigned to international organizations. States should assure their citizens freedom from compulsion and discrimination in matters of religion. This and the other rights which inhere in man's dignity must be adequately guarded; for when they are impaired, all liberty is jeopardized.

The right of individuals everywhere to religious liberty shall be recognized and, subject only to the maintenance of public order and security, shall be guaranteed against legal provisions and administrative acts which would impose political, economic, or social disabilities on grounds of religion.

Religious liberty shall be interpreted to include freedom to worship according to conscience and to bring up children in the faith of their parents; freedom for the individual to change his religion; freedom to preach, educate, publish, and carry on missionary activities; and freedom to organize with others, and to acquire and hold property, for these purposes.

To safeguard public order and to promote the well-being of the community, both the state, in providing for religious liberty, and the people, in exercising the rights thus recognized, must fulfil reciprocal obligations. The state must guard all groups, both minority and majority, against legal disabilities on account of religious belief; the people must exercise their rights with a sense of responsibility and with charitable consideration for the rights of others.

British Leader Helpful in Missions

The two months' visit to America of Rev. Ronald Allen, rector of Northenden Church, Manchester, England, to participate in the National Christian Mission sponsored by the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism, has been an outstanding success. Mr. Allen was a leading member of the team in each of the following cities: Wichita Falls, Texas; Roanoke, Va.; Erie, Pa.; Newark, Ohio; Topeka, Kansas; and Memphis, Tenn. The most enthusiastic letters and reports have been coming in from people in those cities who heard him speak. The press in all the cities gave excellent reports of the missions and their effectiveness. An editorial in the *Memphis Press-Scimitar* includes this paragraph concerning Mr. Allen:

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In addition to his parish duties as preacher in a large church, Mr. Allen has served as the Secretary of the Manchester Council of Churches. He was the Chairman of the "Religion and Life Campaign" when it came to Manchester. This interdenominational movement among the churches of Britain, expressed in "Religion and Life" weeks in various cities throughout England and Scotland, is similar in scope and idea to that represented in our own National Christian Missions.

New Rural Church Publications

The following items, published by the Committee on Town and Country of the Federal Council and the Home Missions Council, are available through the office of the Home Missions Council, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.:

1. *An Order of Service for Rural Life Sunday, May 14, 1944, or another Sunday in the spring of the year.* Prepared by Rev. G. Shubert Frye, Synod of New York, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. This contains a complete order of service that may be used by a congregation, and numerous additional aids for the minister. Single copies 3 cents; 100 copies, 85 cents.

2. *In-Service Training for the Minister in Town and Country Church, 1944.* This contains a directory of schools, institutes, graduate courses, conferences, work camps and other events to be held at agricultural colleges, theological seminaries, etc. Single copies 3 cents; 100 copies, \$1.00.

3. *Report of Columbus Convocation on the Church in Town and Country.* It is entitled "What Emphasis for the Church in Town and Country?" This booklet of 103 pages contains the full text of important addresses and a digest of 14 commission reports. Single copies, 25 cents.

4. *An Order of Service for a Harvest Festival, 1944.* Prepared by Rev. Eugene Smathers, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Big Lick, Tenn. This leaflet is for use by the local congregation and contains explanatory material. Single copies, 3 cents; 100 copies, 85 cents.

Clearing-House for Postwar Plans

The various interdenominational agencies of the Protestant churches have set up an Inter-Council Committee on Postwar Planning to serve as a clearing-house. It will be composed of three representatives appointed by each of the agencies. The Federal Council has appointed Canon Almon R. Pepper, Dr. Earl F. Adams and Rev. Everett A. Babcock.

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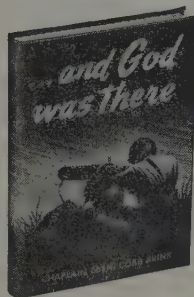
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Sundays—April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:00 to 10:30 A.M.: Dr. Ralph W. Sockman in "National Radio Pulpit."

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Over WJZ and Network

Sundays—April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2:30 to 3:00 P.M.: Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in "National Vespers."

Mondays—April 3, 10, 17, 24, 12:00 to 12:15 P.M.: Dr. Mark A. Dawber in "Frontiers of American Life."

Tuesdays—April 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:00 to 12:15 P.M.: Dr. Leslie Bates Moss in "This World of Ours."

Wednesdays—April 5, 12, 19, 26, 12:00 to 12:15 P.M.: Dr. Alvin E. Magary in "Common Sense and Sentiment."

Thursdays—April 6, 13, 20, 27, 12:00 to 12:15 P.M.: Dr. Franklin P. Cole in "Building for Tomorrow."

All programs are broadcast on Eastern War Time.

Plans for Family Week, May 7-14

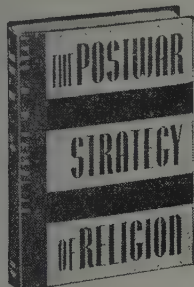
Family Week, sponsored nationally by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups, will be observed by churches this year during the week of May 7-14. Plans for the observance in Protestant churches are being promoted by the Inter-Council Committee on Christian Family Life, representing the Federal Council, the International Council of Religious Education and the United Council of Church Women.

In commenting upon the significance of the observance, Dr. L. Foster Wood said: "Today, when millions of families are divided, delinquency mounting and moral standards sagging, the family has need of vital spiritual power and the sustaining fellowship of the Church. The purpose of Family Week is to highlight the significance of family ties in the building of sound personality, strong churches and a world of order rather than chaos."

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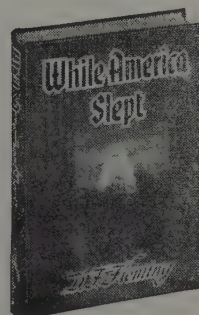
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Call for Fair Employment Practices

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council adopted the following statement on March 21, 1944:

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is so clear, just and Christian that it should be protected in law. This right should be safeguarded by appropriate legislative and administrative provisions.

We therefore urge our government to establish permanent procedures for securing the objectives which have been sought by the Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

News of State and Local Cooperation

A Training School in the Nation's Capital

"People are too busy to attend a Leadership Training School in these war days. We will have to wait until the war is over." These were the typical comments preceding the organization of the Leadership Training School. Now the question being asked is: "What happened to produce an enrollment of 1,025 in Washington's School for Christian Action and Christian Education?"

"It was a thrilling experience to see folks crowd into the registration room by the hundreds. Fifteen people were at registration tables but even this number was scarcely able to handle the unexpected crowds. One person who had registered stood in the registration room with her registration card in her hand and she was asked: 'Aren't you going to class?' she replied, 'This is class enough for me to see this throng.' She was witnessing an interracial, interdenominational and international school. Men and women in uniform were in the crowd, Chinese-Americans from the Chinese Community Church were there as well as Japanese-Americans and folk from every state in the Union."

Dr. Howard Thurman, Dean of the Chapel of Howard University, was the first Assembly speaker. He is reported to have lifted the student body to a high spiritual level. Teachers confessed that they were almost too surprised to teach. The teacher of the Bible Course expected 25 and had a total enrollment of 300.

Each of the nine courses offered was developed as an answer to questions the committee asked as to the needs of church workers and the problems the city faced. Newspaper reporters commented "This school deals with current needs and problems." The courses offered were: "Marriage and the Home," "The Church in Action in the Nation's Capital," "Know Your Bible," "The Junior High," "Preparation for Marriage," "How to Become a Real Person in a Confused World," "How to Teach in the Church School," "The Other Side of Washington," and "Christianity and World Order." The second hour of the Bible course had three groupings: the approach for the teacher of children, of youth and of adults.

The promotion of the school included the following: The circulation of 7,000 six-page folders outlining the courses; special

letters to pastors, assistant pastors, religious education directors, youth leaders, presidents of adult classes, presidents of women's groups, church school superintendents, church school teachers and 1,000 folders with posters to government offices; newspaper stories, publicity through church bulletins and parish and denominational papers.

Churches which had at least one enrolled in each course were honor-roll churches, while those churches which paid \$10.00 to the school could enroll an unlimited number.

Friendly Welcome

The Church Federation of Indianapolis, Indiana, reports that sixty-five thousand calls have been made in the churches' "Goodwill Block-By-Block Visitation." This was done as an expression of the friendly welcome of all the churches to the new residents of the city.

Philadelphia's 35th Anniversary

The Philadelphia Federation of Churches celebrated its 35th anniversary at a Fellowship Dinner on March 7, 1944. It was organized on March 9, 1909. Four areas of emphasis have been determined for this anniversary year:

1. The Department of Evangelism set aside Palm Sunday as Church Letter Day. A special leaflet was distributed urging those with church membership elsewhere to send for their letters in time to be received April 2. Pastors were urged to secure the largest possible number of confessions of faith for Easter Sunday, April 9. A tentative program for visitation evangelism has been outlined for the Autumn.

2. The Race Relations Department engaged a student from Lincoln University to give week-ends to particular community problems.

3. The Industrial Relations Department cooperated with other agencies in arranging an institute in which Industry, Religion, Education and Labor will participate.

4. The fourth area of emphasis centered in the Fellowship Dinner.

Michigan's Service to The Christian Family

Coöperative Protestantism in Michigan is now embarking upon another new venture of service to the Christian family. Out of a conviction of necessity has come a Committee on the Christian Home, working within the Adult Section of the Michigan Council's Department of Christian Education. Perhaps taking a leaf out of the Town and Rural Church notebook, they have developed a plan of procedure, secured necessary financial backing for the program, discovered and recruited a representative adequate in training, resourcefulness, and personality to give form to their ideas and plans. The purpose will be: "To stimulate, guide and assist the Church in its service to the family."

New York Sponsors Lecture Series

The Committee on Evangelism of the Greater New York Federation of Churches has launched an interdenominational lecture series in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on the theme "How to Live in Difficult Times." The enthusiastic reception which greeted the lecturers, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, was a symbol of the ability of the Church to speak effectively to the needs of people even when away from the "home ground" of the church. An "impressive and attentive" audience was reported to have come seeking spiritual comfort and practical advice on the perplexing matter of living effectively amid the confusion of our time. The sessions were held on six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning March 8, from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M.

Children's Workers' Conference

"Leading children into the Kingdom of God" was the theme for two Spring children's workers' conferences jointly offered by the New Haven and Connecticut Councils of Churches. The conferences were designed to give specific help to workers with children who, amid the tragedies of war days, seek to guide the growth of children in the knowledge and love of God, in prayer, in the understanding and appre-

ciation of Jesus, in the use of the Bible and in other areas of experience which contribute most directly to the spiritual development of childhood.

Council of Churches Sunday Interpreted

The *Trinity Parish News*, for January 30, 1944, contained the following interpretation of its support of its coöperative ministry through the Church Council: "Today is Council of Churches Sunday throughout Buffalo and Erie County. Trinity Church and a large number of individual members of our parish have been staunch supporters of the Council. This is because we believe in a united Protestant effort to meet the moral and spiritual needs of our city. It is also because we believe in the ecumenical idea in Christianity which recognizes the fact of Christian unity in spite of all divisions, and proposes to emphasize this fact and build on it. There is a common Christianity underlying our various church traditions. And this common Christianity is of far more worth and significance than any of our separate traditions. We are all seeking the Kingdom of God on earth, each group according to its own particular genius. We need each other in the work of maintaining Christian standards in our community and propagating the Christian faith. And the work of the Kingdom needs us all working together. We are members one of another.

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ences and to counteract the weakness of our divisions. The Council has a strong leader in the new executive secretary. Let us get behind him and his program with our financial support. Special envelopes are in the pews."

Peace Conferences in Ohio

During the week of March 6-11, seventy-nine counties in Ohio conducted conferences looking toward a just and durable peace. General addresses were based upon the "Peace Platform" which was unanimously adopted by the Ohio Pastors' Convention. The *Ohio Christian News* states the hope that as a result of these conferences Ohio laity and clergy will register their sentiments in behalf of the Ohio Platform for Peace to Congressmen and public officials through letters and telegrams.

Spiritual Issues in the Postwar Community

The Department of Social Action of the Southern California Council of Churches has recommended to the attention of the churches the conducting of a series of institutes on the theme: "Spiritual issues that must be faced in our post-war community." Those invited to participate in each community would include leaders from all walks of life, especially representatives of labor, business management, schools, government, racial minorities, home makers, social welfare and city planning. Thus it is hoped the Church in co-operation with all elements of society may prepare for the facing of the serious postwar conditions ahead.

"We Need God Today"

The Washington-Northern Idaho Council of Churches and Christian Education, in submitting its financial needs to its constituent churches, presented its cause in its campaign folder as follows:

"We need to know that God—with a strength and comfort beyond all human understanding—goes with our men to the bitter battlefield. And they need to know that while they're gone we will maintain at home the Christian standards upon which this nation, for which they fight, was founded.

"Soon Seattle will be the center of the Pacific Theater of War. Today's problems—countless immigrant war workers, unnumbered service men, homeless families, uprooted men and women, uncared-for children, ungoverned youth, strangers, transients, lack of decent housing and recreation, high pressure, nerve strain, loneliness, delinquency—these will multiply a thousandfold.

"To help meet these war emergencies, the Council of Churches—official agency for united Christian services and action, representing 189 churches—asks the support of responsible citizens of this community to maintain and expand its service for the coming year."

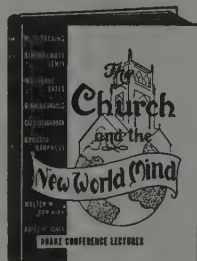
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Staff Changes

Rev. Earl F. Mathewson has been employed by the Connecticut Council of Churches as the Protestant chaplain for the Norwich State Hospital. In this connection the Connecticut Council of Churches has announced the beginning of a clinical training program for theological students at the Hartford Foundation and the Yale Divinity School under the joint auspices of the Connecticut Council of Churches and the Norwich State Hospital.



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ence as a banker before going to college. He received his A.B. degree from Syracuse University and was for some years the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Auburn, N. Y.

Mrs. Paul Bagwell has been appointed as a member of the staff of the Michigan Council of Churches on a part time basis.

Mrs. Bagwell is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, majoring in speech and interpretation. She was for three years Adviser to the Michigan State College Sophomore Honorary Society, Secretary of the Advisory Board of the State College Y.W.C.A., and Director of People's Church Nursery. Mrs. Bagwell began her new duties March 1, 1944.

• Among the New Books •

The Vitality of the Christian Tradition

By Twelve American Teachers of Religion

Edited by GEORGE F. THOMAS
Harper & Bros. \$3.00

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The author, a French scholar, holds the chair of French Literature and Civilization at the University of Pennsylvania. Theodore C. Hume, who recently lost his life

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Joseph Charles Price, Educator and Race Leader

By WILLIAM J. WALLS

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This volume portrays the brilliant career of probably the outstanding Negro leader in the transition period between Reconstruction and the beginning of the Twentieth Century when Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. DuBois came to the front. Born of a free woman and a slave father, who was sold away from him, he took the name of his step-father. He early showed genius of mind and character. His lute-like voice and power of speech made him an outstanding orator. He pled the cause of the Negro people on many platforms in America and in Europe during the critical decade of 1883-1893. As a preacher of the A. M. E. Zion Church he twice refused election to the bishopric because he decided to serve the masses through devotion to education. He received his training at Lincoln University in both college and seminary.

At his first appearance at the General Conference of his church in 1880, when just 25 years of age and still a student at the Lincoln University Seminary, his speeches charmed and swayed his fellow delegates.

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G. E. H.

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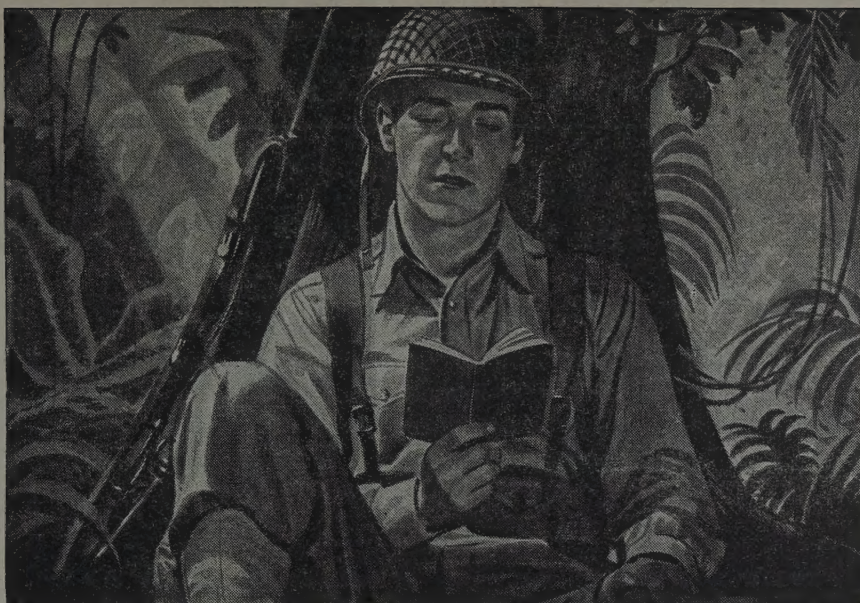
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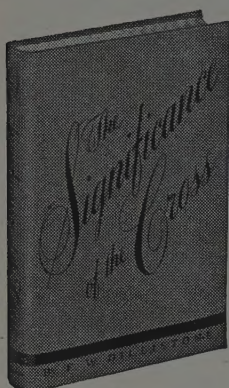


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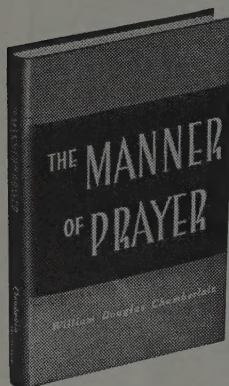
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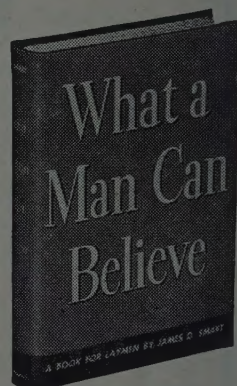
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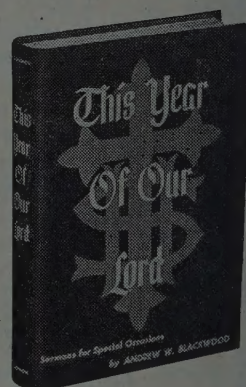
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